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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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The Labourer And His Hire

Who were the critics and "mean insinuator" whom Hon. B.W. LePage was replying in the Legislature the other night with regard to the salary and expenses he was drawing as chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board?

What The Guardian emphasized was that Mr. Gallant, the only member of the Board to speak on the Draft Address, confessed that many persons had improperly received loans; that both he and Mr. LePage had been "fooled" on occasions.

One wonders, since he is busy from morning till night on his \$300 job, plus expenses, in the Loan Board office, how Mr. LePage takes time to discharge his presumably more onerous duties of Executive Council president, for which he gets \$1,000 annually.

We pointed out that in addition to these emoluments, and his \$400 sessional indemnity and \$43 job as Falconwood trustee, Mr. LePage, according to the 1937 Accounts, drew \$200 as a member of the Treasury Board.

Up to the time of writing, the Falconwood report has not been tabled. The previous year's report shows purchases of \$865.76 from the LePage Shoe Company Limited, of which Mr. LePage is president, and according to the Public Works report his firm supplied Falconwood with boots and shoes last year to the tune of \$915.85, and Queen's County Jail to the amount of \$67.56.

This year we note an item of \$47.45, under Court House expenses in the Public Works Department accounts, paid to Mr. LePage's shoe company as "legal fees".

These may be "small pickings" for a man of Mr. LePage's ambitions, but at least they indicate that he is gleaming the field pretty thoroughly.

Canada Fiddles

The lack of leadership in Canada, while the world may well be headed directly toward cataclysm and civilization threatened with a shock which it cannot absorb, inspires The Ottawa Journal to submit a trenchant editorial for action by this country in the only helpful and feasible way possible, the building up of an air force which would be typically Canadian, and a powerful aid, should the time ever come when it is needed to be thrown into the balance of defeat or victory for democracy.

The chief complaint, and a vital one, says the Sydney Post Record, is in the moral support which Canada fails ignobly to provide to Britain in her time of trial and tribulation. It would be worth many squadrons of the air, strong flotillas of battleships and batallions of men, if this Dominion, directly and officially declared, in language which could not be misunderstood, for the unity and solidarity of the British Empire and the preservation of democracy. If this country were flanked by a murderous potential enemy, the people would be appealing to high Heaven for British support, but the Dominion is sublimely protected for the time by the happy chance of geography.

suggestion is by no means far-fetched. The Germans would show something in rigid and crushing demands which would outdo anything ever contemplated at Versailles in 1919. Now we have the solemn declaration by Prime Minister Chamberlain, of British aims. The destiny of Canada lies wholly and irrevocably within the British Empire, and it is high time that Canadians, including the Canadian Government, woke up to that fact.

Close Harmony

"I don't think that anybody can say the Dominion has not used this Province fairly well during the past two years. Compared with other Provinces I think we are getting our share."—Hon. B. W. LePage in Legislature, April 6.

"This province is not getting her just rights in direct relief or in many other ways. It should be getting something in the way of a guarantee for seed grain as compared with the western provinces. Saskatchewan is receiving \$14,500,000 and Alberta \$1,900,000, and the farmers in Prince Edward Island are practically as bad off. This province, too, over a period of three years has been receiving only 85 or 90 cents per capita for direct relief, whilst New Brunswick has been getting \$3.10, Nova Scotia \$2.50 and Ontario and Quebec \$7.00, whilst the western provinces are getting up to \$8.50."—Patriot editorial, April 1, summarizing statement of Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Minister of Public Works.

Editorial Notes

One hundred years ago the S.S. Great Western first steamer to steam to New York, that date 1838.

"No democracy can be healthy without freedom of speech, real issues, and an effective opposition party." Thus said Dr. James N. Means of Boston, president of the American College of Physicians, and his words are especially applicable to our legislature at the present time.

It is reported that Dr. Leopoldt, secretary of the South African Medical Council Cape Town, is offering free board to a pair of identical twins for an experiment to determine whether milk or wine is more beneficial to health. A similar experiment was carried out some thousands of years ago in Babylon, when Daniel proved beyond dispute that children fed on pea soup are healthier than those who eat meat and drink wine.

Prime Minister Eamon de Valera has nominated for the new Senate of Ireland the following: Dr. Douglas Hyde, founder of the Gaelic League; Sir John Keane, member of the old Senate from 1922 until it was abolished in 1936; Frank MacDermott, former independent member of the Dail (lower house of Parliament); former Senator T. V. Honan and William Magennis, Professor of Metaphysics at University College, Dublin. Under the new Constitution, which went into effect at the year-end, a Senate of sixty members was established. Of these, forty-nine were elected, while the Prime Minister has the right to name the others.

Scheduled for sentence in Montreal on five charges of chameptry to which he had pleaded guilty, Jean E. Joubert, 28, was fined \$300 in one case and the sentences were suspended in the others. The accused was convicted recently of several cases of chameptry and maintenance following a drive against "ambulance chasers" who financed damage suits for a portion of the proceeds. On that occasion, Chief Judge Gustave Perrault, who passed sentence imposed a \$500 fine. Three other adjusters, arrested at the same time after investigations had been made by the Montreal Bar Association, are awaiting trial on similar charges.

"Premier Duplessis, in repealing the French Text Priority Act, candidly confessed to a realization that his sponsorship of it last year was a mistake. It was, everybody will be prepared to admit," says the Gazette, "an error of judgment, not of purpose, and resulted from the application of a mistaken theory. The spirit in which Mr. Duplessis has so punctually corrected the mistake—and this is admirably manifest in the preamble to the act of repeal—reflects at once the Premier's fair-mindedness, high-mindedness and integrity. The forthright manner in which he accepted full responsibility for the adoption of the priority act and its repeal and acknowledged that he had been wrong in the first instance, will win for him from all parties an admiration equal to that which his courage commands in promptly righting the wrong. Mr. Duplessis's action is the more commendable because it demonstrates that Quebec has a Prime Minister who, skilled as he is in the conduct of the affairs of the province, is prepared to receive new information from experience, profit by his errors and thereby act the better for the general good."

The number of pound sterling millionaires in Britain increased from 842 to 860 in the last fiscal year recorded by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. Thus there are now eighteen more persons whose incomes exceed \$150,000 than there were in the previous year, and this despite a rise in taxation and huge sums spent by the government for rearmament and other public necessities. Persons with incomes of £2,000 (\$10,000) or more numbered 88,951, an increase of 1,357. Their aggregate income totalled £446,525,506, a rise of £13,352,368. There were seventy-one persons with incomes between £75,000 and £100,000, compared with sixty-one the year before, and eighty-five with incomes exceeding £100,000, against seventy-two. Incomes of this last class amounted in all to £15,442,485, an increase of £3,484,329. Some 3,450,000 persons were charged with income tax last year, compared with 3,350,000 in the year before. In addition, 4,950,000 were exempted from tax by the operation of allowances. This figure showed a jump of 200,000. Net receipts from death duties were £87,862,610, a decrease of £181,339, compared with the previous year. There were 507 estates each valued at more than £100,000. Eleven exceeded £1,000,000 in value.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Not Canada's Business: The Canadian Government is informed of English foreign policy. Thanks to that information, it is better able than any other Canadians to follow the developments from the recent English ministerial crisis provoked by the fall of Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, and aggravated by the high-handed action of Germany toward Austria. As we have said, the Canadian Government is committed to nothing. Then why the negotiations? The more there are, the more there will be. Through being consulted, the Dominions will wind up by believing that they have something to say in the settling of the problems which primarily concern English interests. Furthermore, that is what London wants. If Canada does not work out from any of the next European conflict, let her stop taking part in consultations on problems which are foreign to her and out of which the next war will arise.—L. Action Catholic.

Communists Chief Dangle: "The most dangerous feature of this Sovietist dictatorship, and its subtle and lying propaganda spread throughout the world to the ignorant especially, is that it gives Fascist dictators the motive they are seeking to justify their despotic and tyrannical rule. The existence of true democracies. 'The third international' is therefore reaping what it has sown throughout the universe. If it is true that the most intelligent sons are committing treason among themselves. 'D' they do not devote themselves to preaching revolution and treason to others, and seek to bring turmoil into every country to make their way to the top? Whatsoever is sown by the wind will be reaped by the tempest."—L'Avenir National.

It is impossible to discover grounds of justification for the refusal of the Aberhart Government to submit a brief to the Rowell Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations which will hold sessions in this province shortly. It is an indefensible attitude in view of the fact that the Government employed American experts to prepare a brief at a cost of the province of \$10,000. In addition there is \$1,445 to be paid mainly in authorized fees on completion of the brief. Further expenses are incurred for salaries, incidental expenses, fees and printing.—Edmonton Journal.

Emily Post finally broke down the other day and admitted that it was O.K. to put crackers in the soup if only a few at a time. This protest, however, is not of interest, confirmed cracker soakers, who are persons of individuality and strength of character, but a ruling from the throne will be a boon to those timid people who are afraid of offending a rule of etiquette, made by Heaven known whom they are of smashing the moral law. For the first time in years a lot of folks will now know how soup, and soup, tastes when consumed as the cook and nature intended.—Detroit Free Press.

Mr Bennett prefers undiluted: Mr. BENNETT... I shall never forget a gentleman from Clareholm complaining to me that one of our chartered banks would not lend him money. I said: "Yes, I have a few dollars in my pocket, but I cannot lend it to you. What have you got?" "Well," he said, "I did have a quarter-section, but I sold it, and I have not got much money left." "Listen," I said; "I would not lend my money to you with any hope of getting it back, and now you are complaining because someone who has control of money for the moment will not lend it to you? If he did lend it to you I should like to have him dismissed." Did it ever occur to the hon. gentleman that the Federal Minister of Finance, Mr. DUNNING, but the hon. gentlemen in the corner do not intend that money borrowed shall ever be paid back. Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, Mr. BENNETT, I listen to you with interest. Mr. BENNETT: As a matter of fact I prefer to attend church. I prefer to take mine undiluted.

Alberta's Crusading Spirit: Defeat of the Social Credit candidate in Edmonton East would have been hailed by hostile parties throughout Canada as the end of the monetary reform movement. Actually with more people voting in the by-election than at the federal election in 1936, the Social Credit candidate, Orvis A. Kennedy, received more votes than ever. The by-election result is another practical demonstration of the political consistency of Alberta. Nowhere are the people of Canada more awake to the need of political action to move forward out of the economic of scarcity. It is seventeen years since the Alberta electorate threw out both old parties. Independent members were elected, and the party on the platform of the United Farmers of Alberta. At the same time, the province elected a United Farmer administration of the Legislature at Edmonton. When the United Farmers in politics had failed to produce the desired results, Alberta decided to try something else, but without going back again to the old party fold. The province has composed of political action to move forward on the reform front in Canada. Strated by enemies behind the lines, as well as by hostile forces outside, the Alberta people have remained steadfast, holding on to the platform. Whatever may be the outcome of Alberta's united effort, even though the Social Credit vision may be no more real than the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, the standard of the Canadian's most advanced province should eventually achieve beneficial results. The leveling process is at work in other provinces. Everywhere the people in Canada everywhere should benefit by the crusading spirit of Alberta.—Ottawa Citizen.

Lenten Homilies

A CHRISTIAN ARMISTICE IS POSSIBLE
Rev. F. T. R. KIRK
"A past of infinite duration is powerless to control the present."—Sir Edward Poulton, President of the British Assoc.
"I apologise to Sir Edward Poulton, and to you for having cut his sentence short before he ended. He said that a past of infinite duration is powerless to control the present; but he went on: 'while the brief history of the present can readily control the future.' There comes a point when we dare no longer be slow of heart to understand. The process of generations has its crises, and these times of crisis, short enough though they may be, change the course of the future. We call these crisis 'revolutions', or 'reformations'; or, may be, 'revivals.' After them, matters are no longer quite what they were.

AN ALTERED OUTLOOK

"A change of heart has come, and the manner of it is altered. There may still be battles for the Kingdom to fight; but they will be new battles, with new weapons against new enemies in new arenas. We must work out from any knowledge of history you have how this has been proved time and time again. Slow progress through no matter how long a time yields scarcely any result: by a sudden dramatic movement, concentrated in a fragment of the present, may make all the difference to the ages to come."
"That is the ground of our hope; that is what we are praying for, longing for, toiling for: a change of mind bringing nearer the final victory with no more conflict, since Christ is Lord of all."
"The most significant chapter in Dr. Stanley Jone's new book, Christ and Present World Issues, is a re-translation of the parable of the Prodigal Son in a social application. I offer it to you with thankful acknowledgments that ever it was written.

THREE PHASES

"He says that the parable may be summed up in three phrases: 'Sick of home, home-sick, home.' The younger son was sick of home because he had inwardly broken through the barrier which he followed almost to the end of today human society has inwardly broken with God, desiring life to be centred in its own will instead of His will, and the drift from religion is inevitable."
"The first step down was when the son said, 'Give me'—the cry of the modern, competitive order and the present world issues, is a re-translation of the parable of the Prodigal Son in a social application. I offer it to you with thankful acknowledgments that ever it was written.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of important questions of interest to the Charlotetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CONSCIENCE MONEY

Sir,—One reads from day to day statements reflecting on our Liberal governments which are convincing, and would lead the reader to believe that Liberals had no hearts or conscience. But this latter statement I cannot agree with, as I am fully convinced they have a heart and a conscience in some instances, and should any one be inclined to contradict this, I would kindly ask him to read the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31st, 1937, and read from page 23, appended "Conscience Revenue," "Conscience Money—\$65,000." And here's hoping that no prospective Conservative candidate will insinuate after reading that Liberals have not a heart or conscience. I agree with the press when it says this \$21,000 on the bond issue should be charged to a Capital Account, and if this \$65,000 of Conscience Money was charged where it properly belongs to, the deficit of 1936 would have been less and the deficit of 1937 would be greater. I am, Sir, etc., KINGSTON

FACE THE FACTS

Sir,—The following criticism of the Provincial Government's unsound financing, as disclosed in the Public Accounts for 1937, is made for the information of the citizens of this beautiful Prince Edward Island. The repayment of the under-mentioned amounts of bond issues were made, during 1937, viz \$250,000 and \$175,000, the accumulated sinking funds for the repayment being only \$150,000 that is a shortage of \$275,000. To meet this large inadequate provision of sinking fund, a loan of \$500,000 was floated in May 1937. (See foot note to statement of the funded debt). This is not the first time this has occurred. It occurred in the following years when the under-mentioned amounts were raised for the same purpose:

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And if we add to this the short provision of Sinking Funds referred to above — \$189,375.00 We have ————— \$680,281.66 of annual debt charges to be met out of a total ordinary revenue of \$1,821,297.60, that is, more than 1-3 of our ordinary revenue would be absorbed in payment of debt charges. If this process of unsound debt creating is allowed to proceed without some control, then it is not difficult to realize that it will eventually lead to bankruptcy, as has occurred in Alberta where the interest on its bonds has been out in half and half the value of its bonds are being offered to the bond holders. This is a terrible discouragement to thrift and most unjust to the thrifty people.

ARMISTICE IMPOSSIBLE

"The moral victories of our fathers do not avail for us. We have had the same temptations to lust and greed and hate against which they strove; and in social affairs the twentieth century has to face the evils which were rampant in the eighteenth century and in the eighteenth century before Christ. Each generation must confront the issues of good and evil, of right and wrong, for itself, and settle its own fate."
"The stage is never reached where the Christian community can sign an armistice; the war is never finally won. Yet this is no cause for despair; for the change in habit and structure acquired by struggle in any age is passed on to its children as an increased capacity for the same circumstances, to develop habits of their fathers."

EDUCATION

Sir,—I shall not go so far as to say that our schools do not need any reforms. But I do not think the drastic reforms advocated are the correct solution to our problem. If we change our school curriculum we must also change the college course as well. Schools and colleges must not be regarded as independent factors, but as forming one organic whole. The amendments must be entirely consistent with both institutions. The subjects now taught in schools should be presented in a more attractive manner, it is true, but that is a question of method rather than of content. Were I to suggest reform, I should urge the maintenance of all the present subjects with a few new ones added to the course. To my mind, the chief reason for so many failures at college is found in the gap that lies between the school course and the college course. This chasm could be bridged by adding a few college subjects to Grades IX and X. The benefit derived would far outweigh the disadvantage to pupils.

THE SEA'S SPELL

Beneath thy spell, O radiant summer sea,— Lulled by thy voice, rocked on thy shining breast, Fanned by thy soft breath, by thy touch caressed,— Let all thy treacheries forgotten be, Let all thy dream the ships I gave to thee. All golden-freighted in fair harbours rest; Let me believe each sparkling wave's white crest Bears from thy depths my loved and lost to me. Let me not heed thy wrecks, nor covet thy slain. As o'er-fond lovers, for love's sake forget Thy dearest wrongs, so I, with eyes still wet With thy salt tears, with heart still wrung with pain Back to thy fierce, sweet beauty turn again, And though thou wreck me, will I love thee yet. —S. M. Spalding.

SIC 'EM, HEDGEHOG

(By The Canadian Press) NEW YORK—Hedgehogs as pets for apartment house dwellers "instead of cockroaches" are suggested by Dr. Erick Shalkjer and the Natural History Museum. He points out dogs don't eat cockroaches.

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It is sincerely to be hoped that the outcome of the Rowell Commission will be the enactment of the B. N. A. Act enabling the federal government to control this unsound debt financing of all the provinces, by insisting on adequate sinking funds being provided for the repayment of all loans and limit borrowing power to legitimate permanent works in the maintenance of the practice of borrowing to make good the deficiency of the Sinking Funds for repayment of bonds at maturity, as was done last year and on previous occasions as referred to above.

This would have the beneficial effect of taking the question out of politics and relieve our politicians of the necessity of pandering to the electors so as to gain their votes. This is one of the weakest spots in party politics which I feel sure both parties, Conservatives and Liberals will be glad to see removed, because both parties are forced to pander to it if they hope to represent the people. I am, Sir, etc., ANONYMOUS (Patric please insert)

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but rather means to attain to greater heights, and to achieve more glorious conquests. Since they are not what we might class as "memory" subjects, but "concentration" subjects, they must be deferred till the intellect is more matured. Here reality replaces imagination, and the pupil must centre his mental forces upon a definite problem. This results in a great gain in mental energy and an equal expansion. The pupil learns to think things out clearly and to follow a premise to its logical conclusion. He learns to make accurate deductions, and that is what he will have to do very often in his everyday life. As long as we live, external forces are constantly surrounding us with vital problems and intricate difficulties. Thus we can see the value of a good course in mathematics. If our youth are to think clearly, to grasp firmly to act rationally, then they must be supplied with adequate means to acquire these valuable faculties. No artist, no sculptor, no artisan of any kind can accomplish anything without the tools of his trade. Material is essential to creation, and it is so whether the thing to be created is a definite physical object, or a definite mental object. These are thoughts that must be ever borne in mind. Man's abilities, at best, are limited and no reasonable being can expect of him the impossible. If reform is needed in our schools, then adequate to the curriculum—if it is not needed, then keep what you have, and use it to the best possible advantage. J. HAROLD GOODWIN, Kensington, P. E. I.

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